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September 16. The number of cases of cholera in St. Petersburg, officially stated, indicates a rapid spread of the disease in that city. During the period from noon September 14 to noon September 15 there were registered in St. Petersburg 240 fresh cases of cholera and 60 deaths. On September 15 there were 515 cholera patients in the city hospitals. In the suburbs of St. Petersburg the disease is also spreading in every direction, the Peterhof and Schlüsselburg districts having suffered most severely. Cronstadt has also been declared infected with cholera.

In some of the city hospitals the dead bodies of cholera patients have been lying for five days unburied. The physicians have proposed to make the cremation of corpses of cholera victims compulsory.

Disinfection on German frontier of Russian emigrants ordered.

The following information is received from the Department of State, under date of September 23:

A cablegram has this day been received from the consul-general at Berlin, reading as follows:

Prussian minister interior issued instructions dated September 18 for all control stations disinfect and bathe immigrants coming from Russia over frontier into Germany. Order goes into effect to-day.

Further relative to cholera in St. Petersburg.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Grubbs, Berlin, under date of September 28:

During last day reported there were 143 deaths from cholera at St. Petersburg, with 268 cases; chief centers of infection, Rostov, Don Valley, Kouban, Gurjew, Astrakhan, and St. Petersburg; disease considered to be increasing. Immigrants inspected, disinfected, bathed at frontier, inspected at Berlin and port of departure. Detention by American authorities to complete five days from Russia. Inspection Russian vessels by sea and rivers.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Medical inspection at Gravesend, Liverpool, and other ports, of vessels arriving from Russia.

Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg at Naples, reports, September 17:

All ships from Russia destined to London are anchored at Gravesend for medical inspection. Similar inspections are made at Liverpool and other ports.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Puerto Barrios, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wailes reports:

Week ended September 15. Present officially estimated population, 250. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel :

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 15	Preston.....	New Orleans	0	0	0	0

HAWAII.

Report from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports, September 5, through Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer:

Week ended September 5.

Rats trapped in Honolulu.....	844
Rats found dead in Honolulu.....	1
Rats shot from trees in Honolulu.....	194
Rats taken in Honolulu.....	1, 039
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	881
Honolulu rats showing plague infection.....	0

CLASSIFICATION OF RATS TAKEN.

Mus rattus.....	211
Mus norvegicus.....	90
Mus alexandrinus.....	199
Mus musculus.....	507
Total classified.....	1, 007
Average number of traps set daily.....	1, 438

HONDURAS.

Report from Ceiba, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jumel reports:

Week ended September 15. Present officially estimated population, 6,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 10	Marietta Di Giorgio	20	1	0	0
11	Rosina	34	12	0	0
13	Harald	18	0	0	0
13	Bodo	16	0	0	0
14	Viator.....	17	0	0	0

Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port—Stegomyia calopus present.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ames reports:

Week ended September 12. Present officially estimated population, about 2,400. General sanitary condition of this port and the sur-